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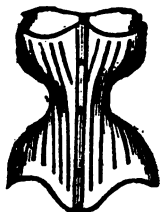
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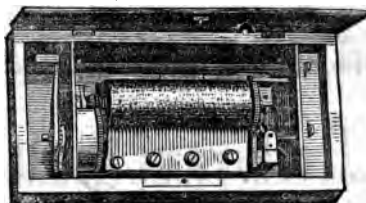
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This resolution was modified several times, and was at length repealed in April, 1784. In the Congress that met in October, 1784, an ordinance was passed, providing for the appointment of Commissioners to lay out a district not more than three



miles square, on the Delaware river, within eight miles of the falls, for a Federal city. At the session of Congress at New York, January, 1785, a strenuous effort was made to insert, in the act, *Potomac* in lieu of *Delaware*, but without success. The ordinance above alluded to, establishing the capital on the Delaware, from causes now unknown, was not carried into execution. The Constitution, adopted in 1787, provides that Congress shall have power to exercise exclusive jurisdiction over a district, not exceeding ten miles square, when properly ceded by particular States, and accepted as the seat of Government. In 1790, the States of Virginia and Maryland ceded to the General Government 100 square miles, consisting of two counties—Washington, on the left bank of the Potomac, and Alexandria, on the right bank; the former by Maryland, and the latter by Virginia. In 1846, Alexandria county was retroceded to Virginia, which reduced the area of the District to 60 square miles.

Three Commissioners (Messrs. Johnson, Carroll, and Stewart) were appointed to have the superintendence of the District and the City. On the 15th of April, 1791, the two last-named gentlemen fixed the first corner-stone of the District at Jones Point, near Alexandria, with all the usual Masonic ceremonies. Washington, in a letter dated April 30, 1791, calls it the "Federal City;" but, on the 30th of September following, the Commissioners directed the architect to designate on his

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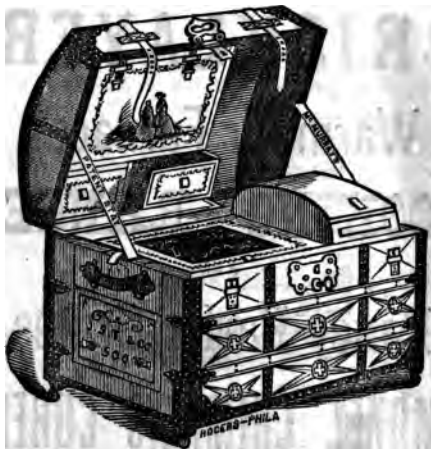
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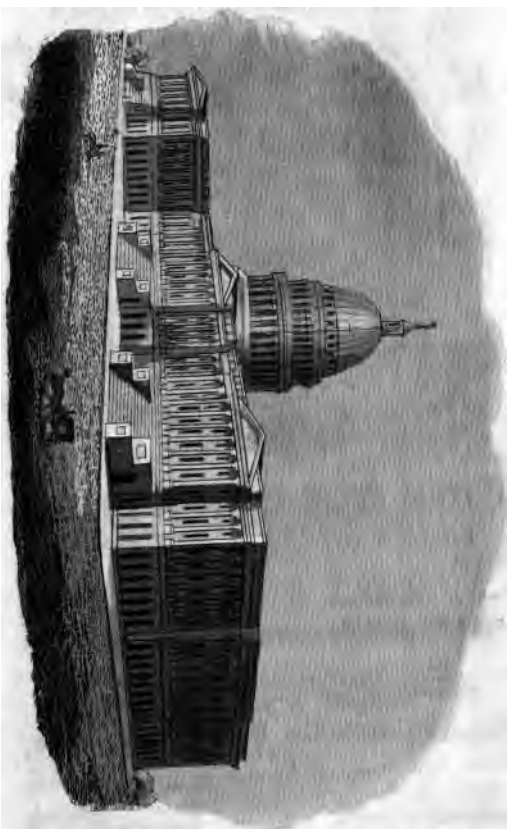
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"If, therefore, it shall be hereafter the will of God that this structure shall fall from its base, that its foundation be upturned, and this deposit be brought to the eyes of men, be it known, that, on this day, the Union of the United States of America stands firm; that their Constitution still exists unimpaired, and with all its original usefulness and glory, growing every day stronger and stronger in the affections of the great body of the American people, and attracting more and more the admiration of the world. And all here assembled, whether belonging to public life or to private life, with hearts devoutly thankful to Almighty God for the preservation of the liberty and happiness of the country, unite in sincere and fervent prayers that this deposit, and the walls and arches, the domes and towers, the columns and entablatures, now to be erected over it, may endure forever.

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Mr. Webster officiated as the orator of the day, and concluded the ceremony by a most eloquent address.

The edifice is now more than twice its original size. Its whole length is 751 feet; its greatest depth, including porticos and steps, is 324 feet. The ground covered by the building, exclusive of the court-yards, is over three and a half acres. The extension, which is of white marble, consists of two wings erected at the north and south ends of the original structure, each 152 feet in length, with a depth of 238 feet. The principal story of the Capitol rests upon a rustic basement, which supports an ordonnance of pilasters rising to the height of two stories above. Upon these pilasters rests the entablature, and the whole is surmounted by a marble balustrade. The frieze of the entablature is not ornamented; but the pediment of the north wing contains a number of statues, by Crawford, representing the progress of civilization in the United States. In the centre stands a figure of America; on her right are figures of the Soldier, Commerce, Youth and Education, the Mechanic, and Sheaf of Wheat; on her left are the Pioneer-backwoodsman, the Hunter, the Indian and his squaw with an infant in her arms.

The southern pediment has not yet been filled.

The central pediment is decorated with a group of sculpture, representing the Genius of America holding a shield, inscribed with the letters U. S. A. The shield rests on an altar, bearing the memorable date, July 4, 1776. Behind her stands a spear, and at her feet an eagle. Her face is turned toward a figure of Hope, upon the left, whose atten-

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tion she is directing, by her right hand, to a figure of Justice, upon her right, holding the "Constitution of the United States" upon a scroll in her right hand, and the scales in her left.

On the eastern abutment of the steps leading into the portico of the Capitol is Persico's group of statuary: Columbus, the Indian woman, and Peace and War.

### The Dome.

Over the rotunda, in the centre of this huge pile, rises a magnificent cast-iron dome, beautiful in all its proportions, and, beyond question, one of the finest specimens of iron construction of which the world can boast. This beautiful piece of architecture is crowned by a bronze statue of Liberty, 17 feet high. The entire height from the basement-floor to the top of statue is 300 feet.

### The Senate Chamber

Is in the centre of the north wing; the Chamber is rectangular, and is 112 feet long by 82 feet wide, and 30 feet high. The hall is surrounded by a gallery capable of seating 1,000 persons. A portion of the gallery, over the Vice-President's chair, is appropriated to reporters of the press. The Secretary of the Senate and assistants occupy desks below the chair. The galleries are reached by magnificent marble staircases, upon which are beautiful paintings, worthy of special notice, at either end of the hall. Immediately in the rear

of the chair is the Senators' retiring-room. Adjoining the retiring-room, on the west, is the President's room, which he occupies when attending to business in Congress. The Vice-President's room adjoins the retiring-room.

The corridors and rooms throughout are paved with encaustic tiles laid in mosaic. The corridors are most beautifully ornamented in distemper; the designs in arabesque and panel-work being taken from the Loggia of Raphael and the ruins of Pompeii. The minutely-finished paintings embody illustrations of the natural history of America, the ornithology being mostly painted from life.

### The Hall of Representatives

Is in the centre of the south wing, and is situated precisely like the Senate Chamber, but larger in its proportions, and more gaudily painted and ornamented. It is 139 feet long, 93 feet wide and 30 feet high, with a gallery running entirely around the hall, affording seats for 1,200 persons. Sections of the gallery are railed off for the use of the diplomatic corps and the reporters for the press. The reporters for the Government have desks immediately in front of the Speaker's chair. The hall is surrounded by a corridor, outside of which is a range of committee-rooms. The Speaker's room is in the rear of his chair, across the private lobby. The ascent to the gallery is by the grand marble staircases at the ends of the hall, like those in the Senate wing.

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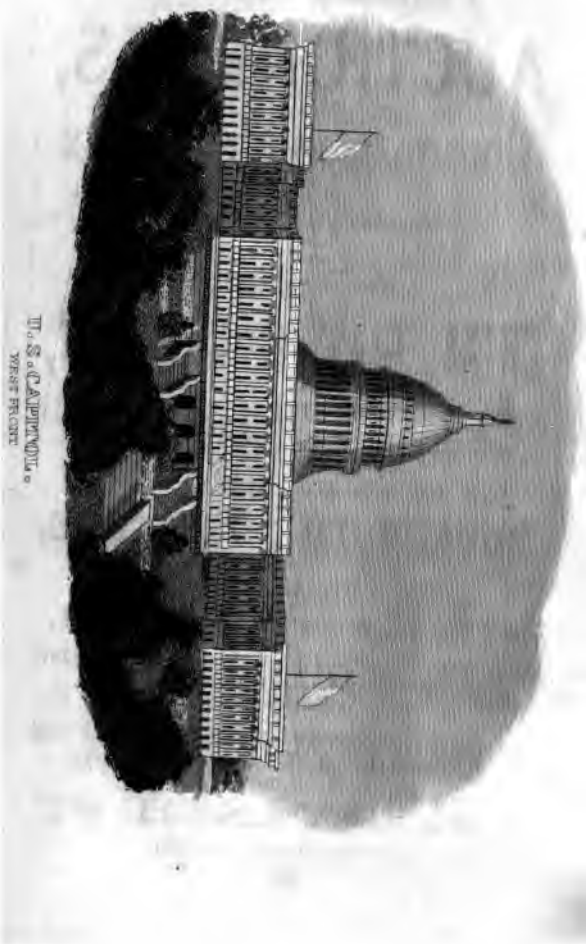
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This circular room, occupying the centre of the building, is 96 feet in diameter, and the entire height of the interior of the dome. It is surrounded by fluted pilasters 30 feet in height, supporting an entablature and cornice of 14 feet. Above this cornice is a vertical wall with a deep recessed panel nine feet in height, filled with sculpture. The walls of the Rotunda are decorated with paintings twelve by eighteen feet, illustrative of American History, costing the government from \$8,000 to \$20,000, each. The wall above these paintings is ornamented with panels of arabesques in bas-relief. In panels over the four doors, are alto-relievs in stone. The floor of the Rotunda is of freestone, supported by arches of brick resting upon Doric columns below.

### THE SUPREME COURT

Occupies the old Senate Chamber, which is situated upon the north side of the centre building. It is semi-circular in form, 75 feet long and 45 feet high, to the apex of the domed ceiling. A screen of Ionic columns, of Potomac marble, supports a

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The Capitol building also contains rooms for the law library, numbering about 25,000 volumes; the document library contains about 75,000 volumes; the office of the Commissioners of Public Buildings, and the Court of Claims.

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of Corinthian columns, arches upward the lofty dome, till, three hundred feet above the eastern base, the figure of armed Liberty, in its colossal proportions, crowns the apex, finishing in beauty this great monument of American genius and skill. The cost of the Capitol, since the cornerstone was laid in 1793, amounts to about twelve million dollars.

The Capitol is skirted on the west by a stone terrace twenty-five feet wide, from which the glacis is descended by a double flight of stone steps to a second terrace, from which a second flight leads to the park below. On the eastern side is a beautiful park, in which is a colossal statue of Washington, executed in marble, by Greenough. The grounds are also embellished by fountains and statuary, very beautiful in design and arrangement

### **THE PRESIDENT'S MANSION,**

(See Engraving.)

Or the White House, as it is popularly called, is one and a half miles west of the Capitol, upon a high terrace, at the opposite extremity of Pennsylvania Avenue. The lawns around, containing some twenty acres, drop gradually towards the Potomac river. This elegant but not imposing edifice is built of free-stone, painted white. The building was commenced in 1792, and was modelled after the palace of the Duke of Leinster. It is two stories high, one hundred and seventy feet

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long, and eighty-six feet deep. On the north front, upon Pennsylvania Avenue, the building has a portico, with four Ionic columns, under which carriages pass. The garden or Potomac front is varied by having a rusticated basement story and a semi-circular colonnade of six Doric pillars, with two flights of steps leading from the ground to the level of the principal story. The north entrance, on Pennsylvania Avenue, which is devoted to visitors, opens immediately into a spacious hall of forty by fifty feet; advancing through a screen of Ionic columns, the door in the centre opens into a saloon, of forty by thirty feet. Adjoining this room are two others, each thirty by twenty-two feet in size; these form a suite of apartments devoted to occasions of ceremony. The banqueting-room occupies the east side of the mansion, and is eighty feet long by forty wide, with a height of twenty-two feet. Appended to the main building of the mansion are projections at either end, with rooms for domestic purposes; and the western projection is surmounted by a magnificent green-house, containing many rare and beautiful exotics. Nearly all parts of the house are accessible to visitors, and something to interest may be found in all the apartments.

There are certain hours of every day, except the days of Cabinet meetings, during which the President may properly be approached, either upon business or with the intention simply to pay him *respect*. There are certain days, however, on

which he gives public receptions; then it is that the masses have an opportunity of taking him by the hand.

In the little semi-circular yard, in front of the north entrance, stands a bronze statue of Thomas Jefferson.

In the centre of the lawn, across the avenue, on the north, is Clark Mills' bronze equestrian statue of General Jackson, of which we speak elsewhere.

Near the President's mansion, on the one side, are the very plain buildings of the Navy and the War Departments; and on the other side are those of the State and the Treasury Departments.

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and west sides of the building are ornamented with porticos. The south portico has sixteen beautiful Doric columns, and each column eighteen feet in circumference. The roof is of copper.

The interior of the building is marked by the same beauty of decoration and design as the exterior. The first and second stories are occupied with offices of the Interior Department. The third story forms one grand saloon, which runs entirely around the quadrangle, measuring 1350 feet in length on its outer surface. On this floor the visitor may see the models of the countless machines which have grown out of the inventive genius of this country, all admirably arranged upon shelves and in glass cases, with ample space for promenading around the entire room. There are also to be seen cabinets of natural history, and a vast number of curiosities and relics of the Revolutionary days, among which are the printing-press of Franklin, and articles of personal property which belonged to Washington, and various presents from foreign governments. There are about 50,000 models and patents to be seen.

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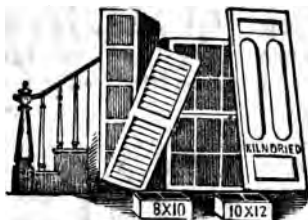
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The interior arrangements of this magnificent edifice are fully in keeping with its rich exterior; its architectural ornamentation, while it is more elaborate than in other public buildings, except the Capitol, is peculiarly American in all its details.

The northern front, which will be completed during the present year (1867) is to be appropriated to the State Department.

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(See Engraving.)

The corner-stone of the present edifice was laid in the summer of 1839. The extension was commenced in 1855, under the direction of Mr. Walter, the architect. It is built of white marble, in the style known as palatial, and the order of architecture a modified Corinthian. It covers an entire square, and is bounded by Seventh and Eighth streets on the east and west, and F and E streets on the north and south. The building rests on a rustic basement, and is three stories high. Length from north to south 300 feet; depth from east to west 204 feet. The front or grand entrance is on the Seventh street side, where there is a vestibule, the ceiling of which is composed of richly ornamented marbles, supported by four marble columns; the walls, niches and floors, are also of marble, finely polished, the floor being richly tessellated. The interior is divided into rooms requisite for the various officers of the Department.

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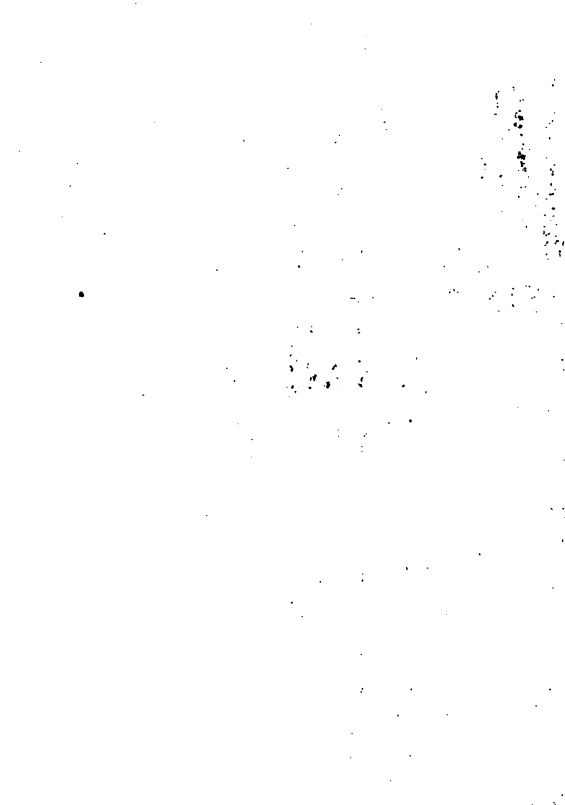
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The foundation of the Monument is solid rock. The base is to be a circular temple, 250 feet in diameter and 100 feet high, upon which there is to be a shaft of 80 square feet base and 500 feet high. The temple, which will be supported by thirty Doric columns, is to contain statues of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, set in niches in the surrounding wall. Conspicuous, in front of the entrance of the rotunda, will stand a statue of Washington. The interior lining is to be decorated with blocks presented by the several States and foreign nations, societies, and city corporations, ornamented with appropriate inscriptions, and so disposed in the wall as to be visible in ascending the Monument. The present height of the structure is 184 feet, and cost, thus far, \$250,000. Visitors will be well repaid by examining the blocks of marble and stone from all parts of the world, which have been contributed.

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Was executed by Clark Mills, from brass guns captured by General Jackson at Pensacola. President Fillmore selected the site for the statue in the centre of the square, in front of the President's House, where it was inaugurated January 8, 1853, the anniversary of Jackson's victory at New Orleans, in 1815. The work is large ; the figure of Jackson being eight feet in height, and that of the horse in proportion.

The entire cost of the statue to the Government, including the surroundings, was \$30,000.

### **STATUE OF WASHINGTON.**

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### EQUESTRIAN STATUE OF WASHINGTON.

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The inauguration ceremony took place on the anniversary of Washington's birthday, February 22, 1860.

### LIBRARIES.

#### Library of Congress.

Occupies Room 9 (opposite the Rotunda), on the second floor of the Capitol. Previous to 1851, the Library contained upwards of 50,000 volumes. A fire, at that time, destroyed about 20,000 of the

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Declaration of Independence.....	Rotunda.
Surrender of Cornwallis.....	"
Washington Resigning his Commission..	"
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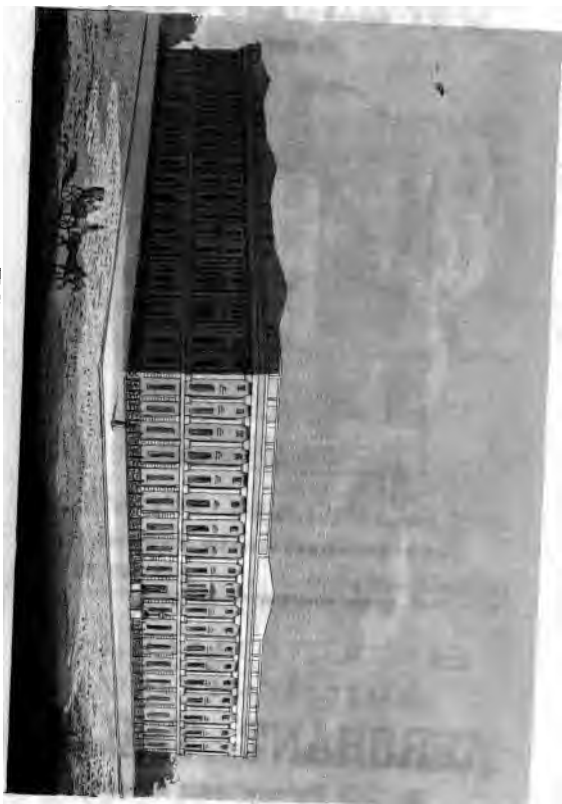
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 Rotunda.  
 Penn's Treaty with the Indians—Rotunda.  
 Landing of the Pilgrims—Rotunda.  
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tion are also to be seen. Visitors admitted during the day.

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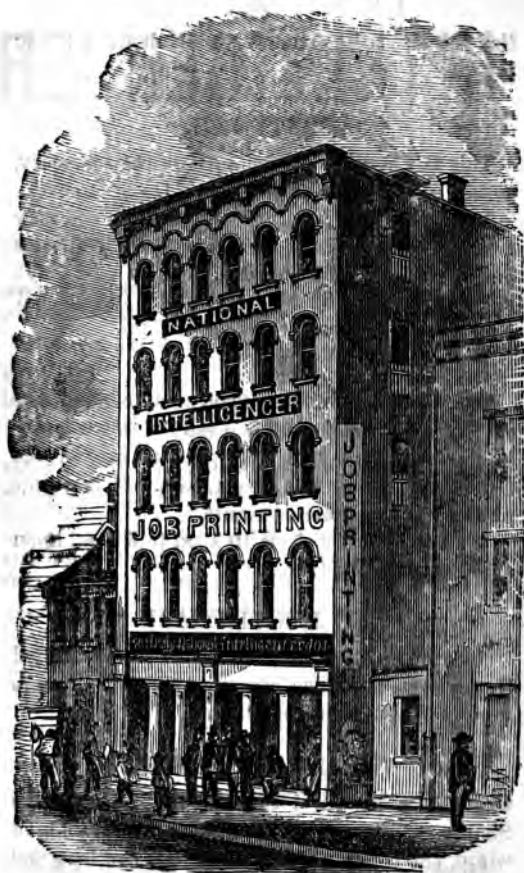
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 McKendree.....Mass. ave. near Tenth, west.  
 Providence .....Second, east, cor. I, north.  
 Ryland Chapel.....Tenth st., cor. D st., south.  
 Union     "     .....Twentieth, w't, n. Penna. ave.  
 Waugh     "     .....A, north, cor. Fourth, east.  
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**CEMETERIES.**

There are but few Cemeteries within the District. The only ones of special note are, first, the

**Congressional Cemetery,**

Which is so called, because when a member of Congress or Senator dies his memory is perpetuated in this Cemetery by a monument erected at the public expense. The Cemetery is situated about a mile and a half east of the Capitol, near the eastern branch of the Potomac. Its situation is high, and commands a fine picture of the surrounding country. Although denominated the "Congressional" burying-ground, yet Congress has no control over it. It is the property of one of the Episcopal churches. There is another Cemetery of great beauty, called



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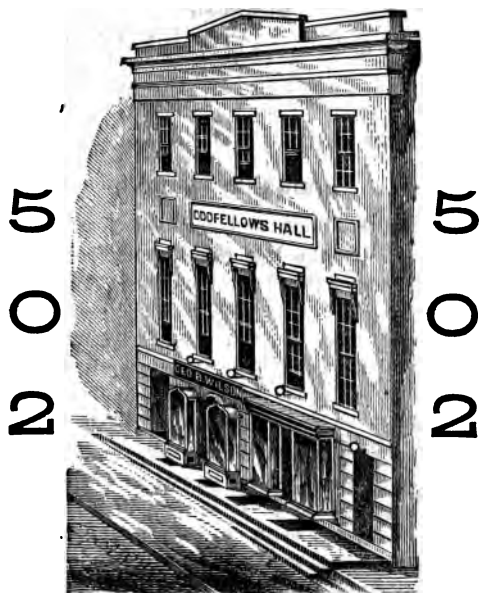
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### FORT WASHINGTON,

Which was originally known as Fort Warburton, is about twelve miles below the city, on the Maryland side of the Potomac, and can readily be visited on the way to Mount Vernon. In 1812 it was a simple water-battery, and since that time it has not improved much in strategetic importance.

### LITTLE FALLS

Is about four miles above Washington, on the Potomac, in the midst of wild and interesting scenery. The Falls comprise a number of cascades, over whose turbulent waters a bridge is thrown to the Virginian shore. Immediately below the bridge, a narrow mountain stream meets the tides from the ocean, and some four miles

below it, presents an expanse of water a mile in width. Crossing the bridge, and following the highway for fifteen miles over picturesque hills will bring the traveller to the

### GREAT FALLS,

Which are about fourteen miles above Washington. Through fierce and jagged barriers of rock the river forces its imperial march. The whole scene is of that kind called *savage*, but may be more properly styled *regal*. This romantic waterfall is a sublime specimen of the wildest mood of nature. The principal cascade is between thirty and forty feet perpendicular pitch, and the rocky cliffs on the Virginia side of the river have a very imposing air. The river from this point furnishes the water used by the people of the city, which is conveyed by means of the

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## GEORGETOWN

Is an old place, having been laid out by the Colonial Government of Maryland, in 1751.

It is situated on the Potomac, one mile northwest of the White House, and is only separated from Washington by Rock creek, which is spanned by an iron bridge. The scenery in the vicinity is very fine. Many elegant mansions, the residences of foreign ministers among them, occupy the heights of the city. Oak Hill Cemetery is a spot of much beauty. An important college, established by the Roman Catholics, in 1791, is located here. There are also ten churches, a bank and several hotels. A line of horse-cars run every few minutes between the Capitol and Georgetown. Population about 10,000.

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The population of the town is about 800.

### POTOMAC RIVER.

This beautiful river forms the boundary line between Maryland and Virginia. Along its passage of three hundred and fifty miles from the mountains of Pennsylvania to the Chesapeake Bay, there is much magnificent and varied scenery. The landscape at its confluence with the Shenandoah, near Harper's Ferry, Va., has long been famous among the chief picturesque wonders of the United States.

The Falls of the Potomac, of which we speak elsewhere, about fourteen miles above Washington, will amply repay a visit; also the Little Falls, about three miles above the city. From Washington, the head of navigation, the river bears the traveller to Alexandria, seven miles away; to Fort Washington, twelve miles; to Mount Vernon, fifteen miles;



to Acquia Creek, fifty miles, where the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad commences, and thence to the mouth of the river in the Chesapeake Bay. Distance from Washington one hundred and thirty nine miles.

### **SALARIES OF GOVERNMENT OFFICERS**

The following is the annual salary of leading officers under the Government.

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| President.....                       | \$25,000 |
| Vice-President.....                  | 8,000    |
| Secretary of State.....              | 8,000    |
| Assistant Secretary of State.....    | 3,000    |
| Secretary of Treasury.....           | 8,000    |
| Assistant Secretary of Treasury..... | 4,000    |
| Secretary of War.....                | 8,000    |
| Assistant Secretary of War.....      | 3,000    |
| Secretary of Navy.....               | 8,000    |
| Assistant Secretary of Navy.....     | 4,000    |
| Postmaster-General.....              | 8,000    |
| Two Assistants (each).....           | 3,000    |
| Secretary of Interior.....           | 8,000    |
| Assistant Secretary of Interior..... | 3,000    |
| Attorney-General.....                | 8,000    |
| Assistant Attorney-General.....      | 3,000    |
| Chief Justice Supreme Court.....     | 6,500    |
| Associate Justices (each).....       | 6,000    |
| Superintendent of Coast Survey.....  | 6,000    |
| Commissioner of Land Office.....     | 3,000    |
| “ “ Patents.....                     | 4,500    |

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|----------------------------------------|-------|
| Commissioner of Agriculture.....       | 3,000 |
| “ “ Indian Affairs.....                | 3,000 |
| “ “ Pension Office.....                | 3,000 |
| “ “ Census Bureau.....                 | 3,000 |
| U. S. Senators.....                    | 6,000 |
| Secretary of Senate.....               | 3,600 |
| Members of Congress, with mileage..... | 6,000 |
| Clerk House of Representatives.....    | 3,600 |
| Lieutenant-General.....                | 9,336 |
| Major-Generals.....                    | 5,724 |
| Brigadier-Generals.....                | 3,954 |
| Colonels.....                          | 2,844 |
| Quartermaster-General.....             | 3,954 |
| Commissary-General.....                | 2,844 |
| Surgeon-General.....                   | 2,740 |
| Paymaster-General.....                 | 2,740 |
| Judge Advocate-General.....            | 2,532 |
| Rear Admiral (Navy).....               | 5,000 |
| Commodore, “.....                      | 4,000 |
| Captains, “.....                       | 3,500 |
| Commanders, “.....                     | 2,800 |
| Lieutenants, “.....                    | 2,343 |
| Masters, “.....                        | 1,500 |
| Surgeons, “.....                       | 3,500 |
| Paymaster, “.....                      | 2,500 |
| Chaplains, “.....                      | 2,343 |

### RAILROAD DEPOTS.

Below will be found the location of the depots of the roads diverging from Washington. For the arrival and departure of trains the daily papers

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must be consulted; the changes with the seasons being so frequent as to preclude the possibility of affixing a permanent table here.

### **WASHINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA.**

This is the great Southern route, and runs to Fredericksburg, Richmond, Petersburg, Weldon, Greensboro', Goldsboro', Wilmington, and south to Charleston, Savannah and Mobile.

Depot on Maryland avenue, just north of the Capitol. Street cars pass it every ten minutes.

### **WASHINGTON AND BALTIMORE RAILROAD.**

The depot of this line is situated on New Jersey avenue, corner C street, also a short distance north of the Capitol. The road leads to Baltimore, where it diverges to the East and West. Street cars run to the depot.

### **LONG BRIDGE**

Leads from the foot of Maryland avenue, across the Potomac to the Virginia shore. The track of the Washington and Alexandria Railroad passes over this bridge. The bridge is constructed of wood, one mile in length.

### **STREET RAILWAYS.**

There are only two Companies in the City, but the streets upon which their cars run will enable any one to reach almost any place desired with *but little difficulty.*

### **Washington and Georgetown Railroad.**

This Company run their cars every few minutes along Pennsylvania avenue to and from the Navy Yard and Georgetown, passing the Capitol, the Baltimore Depot, the leading Hotels, the President's House, State, Treasury, War, and Navy Departments. They have also a line on Seventh street, running from its northern boundaries to the steamboat landings, passing the Patent Office, Post-Office, and the Smithsonian Institute. Also a line running from the intersection of Fifteenth street and New York avenue to the State Department and Columbia College. Exchange tickets are given on these several lines without extra charge.

### **Metropolitan Railway.**

The cars of this line are green. Starting from the Baltimore Depot, pass the Capitol, City Hall, Patent and Post-Offices, War and Navy Departments, terminating beyond the Army Headquarters, on the corner of Seventeenth and F streets.

### **FERRY.**

A steamboat from the foot of Seventh street leaves every hour of the day, during the summer season, for Alexandria.

**STREETS.**

The streets of the City run north and south and east and west, and are designated by letters and numbers; those running east and west being lettered, and those running north and south numbered. The streets around the Capitol are the dividing line, and the streets are designated north or south A, B, etc.; or east or west First, Second, etc., according to their position as to the Capitol. First street west, is directly west of the Capitol grounds, and First street east, directly east of the same. Besides these streets, there are a number of splendid avenues, named after the several States. Pennsylvania avenue is the principal one. It runs the whole length of the city from east to west. This is the widest and most imposing avenue in the city. It is the great business and promenade thoroughfare.

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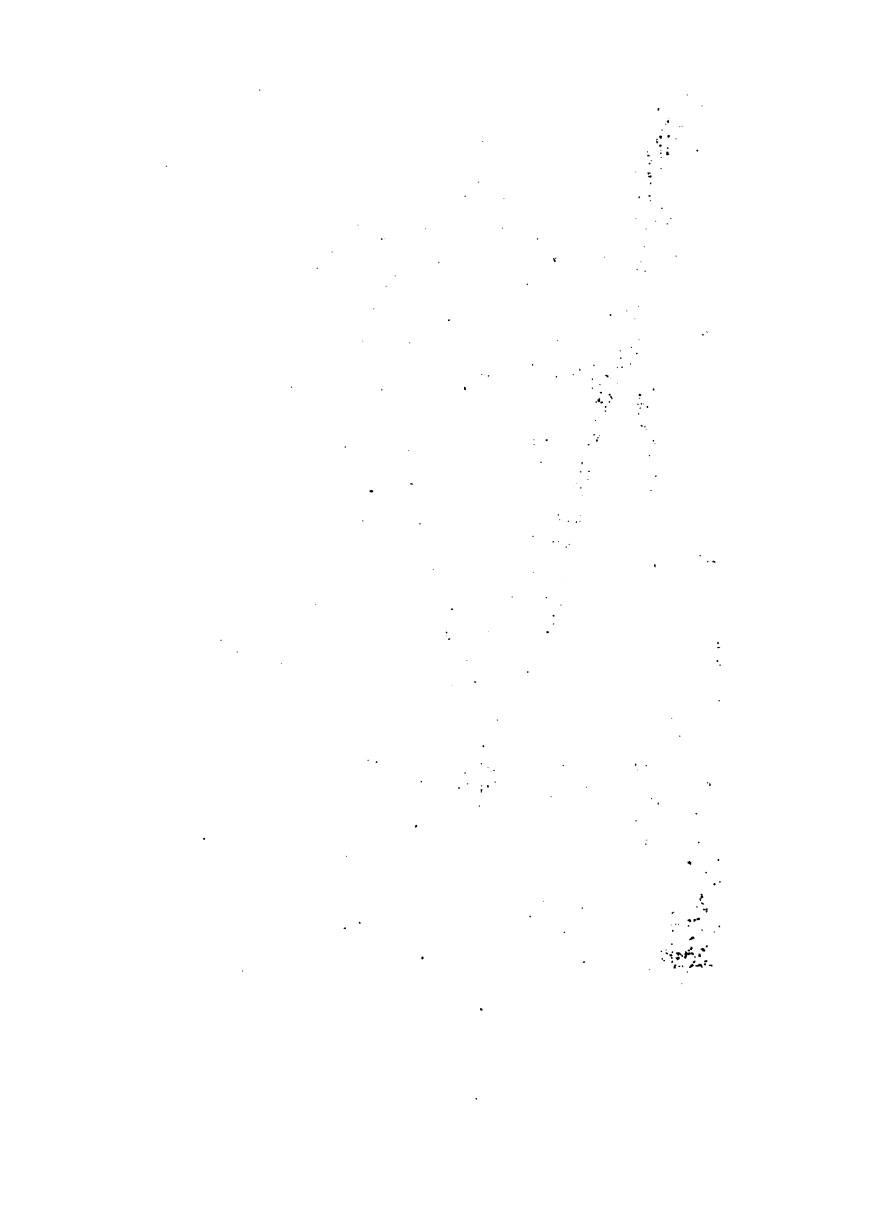
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| WASHINGTON TO       |     | WASHINGTON TO           |       |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------|-------|
| Albany, N. Y.....   | 371 | Mobile, Ala.....        | 1,180 |
| Augusta, Ga.....    | 665 | Memphis, Tenn....       | 910   |
| Atlanta, Ga.....    | 840 | Montreal, Canada..      | 630   |
| Baltimore, Md....   | 40  | New Haven, Ct....       | 303   |
| Boston, Mass.....   | 461 | New Orleans, La...1,280 |       |
| Buffalo, N. Y.....  | 440 | New York.....           | 227   |
| Burlington, Vt....  | 527 | Pittsburg, Pa.....      | 370   |
| Cleveland, Ohio...  | 509 | Portland, Me.....       | 563   |
| Columbus, Ohio...   | 561 | Providence, R. I..      | 415   |
| Cincinnati, Ohio... | 609 | Petersburg, Va....      | 153   |
| Chicago, Ill.....   | 844 | Philadelphia, Pa..      | 137   |
| Concord, N. H....   | 535 | Quebec, Canada...       | 810   |
| Charleston, S. C... | 602 | Reading, Pa.....        | 195   |
| Detroit, Mich.....  | 526 | Richmond, Va....        | 131   |
| Elmira, N. Y.....   | 287 | Rochester, N. Y..       | 348   |
| Frankfort, Ky....   | 792 | Savannah, Ga.....       | 707   |
| Harrisburg, Pa....  | 123 | Springfield, Mass..     | 361   |
| Hartford, Ct.....   | 329 | St. Paul, Minn....1,214 |       |
| Indianapolis, Ind.. | 778 | St. Louis, Mo.....      | 987   |
| Louisville, Ky....  | 719 | Toledo, Ohio.....       | 612   |
| Lynchburg, Va....   | 180 | Williamsport, Pa..      | 209   |
| Milwaukie, Wis...   | 948 | Wilmington, N. C.       | 378   |
| Macon, Ga.....      | 844 | Worcester, Mass..       | 428   |

## WATERING PLACES, &amp;c.

## WASHINGTON TO

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Avon Springs, N. Y.....        | 368 |
| Atlantic City, N. J.....       | 197 |
| Bedford Springs, Pa.....       | 210 |
| Cape May, N. J.....            | 239 |
| Columbia Springs, N. Y.....    | 347 |
| Catskill Mountains, N. Y.....  | 344 |
| Clarendon Springs, Vt.....     | 442 |
| Delaware Water Gap, Pa.....    | 242 |
| Lebanon Springs, N. Y.....     | 387 |
| Lake George, N. Y.....         | 437 |
| " Champlain, N. Y.....         | 454 |
| " Mahopac, N. Y.....           | 280 |
| " Memphremagog, Vt.....        | 527 |
| Long Branch, N. J.....         | 206 |
| Mount Vernon, Va.....          | 15  |
| Mount Holyoke, Mass.....       | 387 |
| Mammoth Cave, Ky.....          | 988 |
| Newport, R. I.....             | 367 |
| Niagara Falls, N. Y.....       | 375 |
| Natural Bridge, Va.....        | 207 |
| Sharon Springs, N. Y.....      | 442 |
| Saratoga Springs, N. Y.....    | 403 |
| Trenton Falls, N. Y.....       | 454 |
| White Mountains, N. H.....     | 641 |
| West Point, N. Y.....          | 278 |
| White Sulphur Springs, Va..... | 133 |











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